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USG COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS FOR SUBJECT MEETING FOLLOW:

1. AGENDA ITEM 4 - NE (73)4: WE BELIEVE PROPOSALS OUT-
LINED IN AGENDA TOPIC DOCUMENT ARE APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY
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AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, IN PART, ARE COVERED IN COMMENTS ON SUCCEEDING AGENDA ITEMS. WITH RESPECT TO LONG- RANGE ENERGY STUDY, WE HAVE PROVIDED U. S. EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST AND ANTICIPATE CONTINUED COOPERATION.

2. AGENDA ITEM 5 - NE(73)11: EXPANSION OF FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FORMER CREST COMMITTEE AND VESTING THESE IN NEWLY CREATED CSNI COMMITTEE HAS MERIT, ESPECIALLY THE INCLUSION OF THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF LICENSING ACTIVITIES. SUGGEST ADDING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO ANNEX I: QUOTE IF MORE THAN ONE PLENARY MEETING ON SAFETY TECHNOLOGY OR ON REGULATORY MATTERS IS HELD IN A YEAR, TWO OF THESE MEETINGS, ONE IN EACH OF THESE AREAS, SHOULD BE HELD SEQUENTIALLY, WHICH TOGETHER WILL CONSTITUTE THE ANNUAL MEETINGS. AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE IN ADOPTING AGENDA SO THAT THE FULL YEAR'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUMMARIZED IN THESE SEQUENTIAL MEETINGS. UNQUOTE.

3. AGENDA ITEM 6 - NE(73)7: THE PROPOSED PROGRAM IS WELL CONCEIVED AND HAS MERIT. WITH RESPECT TO QUOTE OTHER MEDICAL APPLICATIONS UNQUOTE, WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE KINDS OF PROGRAMS PROPOSED AND FEEL THEY ARE REASONABLE SUBJECTS TO EXPLORE. THE U. S. IS CURRENTLY STUDYING SUCH SUBJECTS AS INTERCRANIAL BRAIN PRESSURE SENSORS AND LEAD BLOOD DETECTORS. REGARDING ARTIFICIAL HEART STUDIES, THE AEC IS AMENABLE TO INFORMATION EXCHANGES, INCLUDING TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS AND PROGRAM SUMMARIES, BUT ANY AEC PARTICIPATION IN A COORDINATED PROGRAM WILL DEPEND UPON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND BE SUBJECT TO PRIORITIES OF U. S. PROGRAMS.

4. AGENDA ITEM 8 - NE(73)6: USG HAS NO COMMENTS REGARDING THE PLANNED 1973 DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES INTO THE ATLANTIC. PAPER IS NOT DETAILED ENOUGH TO ENABLE US TO JUDGE WHETHER DUMPING WOULD BE IN CONFORMITY WITH STRICT NEW US CRITERIA TO BE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK IN FEDERAL REGISTER. AS YOU KNOW, THE U. S. DOES NOT ITSELF CARRY OUT OCEAN DUMPING OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

5. AGENDA ITEM 10 - NE(73)2: WE VIEW REPORT FAVORABLY, AND HAVE SENT COPIES TO CONCERNED U. S. MANUFACTURING FIRMS. NEA UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ANSI) IS PREPARING U. S. STANDARDS FOR GASEOUS TRITIUM LIGHT DEVICES, AND IT SHOULD BE SUGGESTED TO NEA THAT THEY MAY WISH TO COORDINATE THEIR WORK WITH THAT OF ANSI. ANSI REPORT EXPECTED IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

6. AGENDA ITEM 11 - NE(73)3 AND ADDENDUM THE PROPOSALS

SET FORTH BY THE RESTRICTED EXPERT GROUP, ALTHOUGH NOT DETAILED, COVER AN IMPORTANT AREA OF RESEARCH FROM OUR VIEWPOINT, AND WE ENDORSE THE PROGRAM. THE ANIMAL STUDIES APPEAR WEAKER THAN THE HUMAN STUDIES, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT IS ALREADY KNOWN THAT SEX CHROMOSOME NONDISJUNCTIONAL PROGENY ARE FULLY VIABLE IN BOTH DROSOPHILA AND THE MOUSE.

7. AGENDA ITEM 12 - NE(73)5: PROPOSED REPRESENTATION ON THE EACRP COMMITTEE IS ACCEPTABLE.

8. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 7, 9, 13 AND 14, BUT IN GENERAL, BELIEVE THEY HAVE MERIT AND ARE TIMELY ISSUES TO BE FOLLOWED. AS YOU KNOW, HOWEVER, THE ABILITY OF U. S. AGENCIES, IN PARTICULAR THE AEC, TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN NEA MEETINGS OR PARTICIPATE IN JOINT PROGRAMS IS SUBJECT TO BUDGET LIMITATIONS AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES. END. ROGERS

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